

DAVID J. CHAMBERS HOUSE
Chambers Prairie, $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles east of Olympia,
Thurston County, Washington.

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DAVID J. CHAMBERS HOUSE.

Chambers Prairie, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Olympia.

Thurston County, Washington.

OWNER:-- Mr. G. A. Smith.

DATE OF ERECTION:-- 1852.

BUILDER:-- David J. Chambers.

PRESENT CONDITION:-- Building in good state of repair; now used as a public golf course, and known as the MOUNTAIN VIEW GOLF CLUB, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Smith. Additions and alterations practically surround original structure.

NUMBER OF STORIES:-- Two stories with no basement.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION:-- The siding and shingles for the house were hand made with a draw knife, according to David Chambers, son of David J. Chambers. Thomas M. Chambers, father of David J. Chambers, and grandfather of David Chambers, built a gristmill and sawmill at Chambers Creek, three miles north of Steilacoom, from which, doubtless, the remainder of the lumber came for the construction of the building. Partitions are of "V" d ceiling, with first floor papered and second floor painted.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS

AND HISTORY DATA:-- Postcard reproduced from an original perspective drawing, photographed and filed.

The site was chosen as his donation claim by David J. Chambers in 1845, after pioneering across the country via the Oregon Trail. A surrounding stockade had been built as protection from the Indians, and a blockhouse, approximately 25 X 50 feet, was built also, in which they were fortified for three months at one time. Being a cattleman, a slaughter house and attendant buildings were also built and, along with the stockade, only recently destroyed.

Historic data obtained from David Chambers, son of David J. Chambers.

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